



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
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Wednesday, June 5, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-2781)

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Present: Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Donald S.
Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (13-2430)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Grills joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m. and Commissioner Bigby at 10:25 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the May 22, 2013 Minutes. (13-2484)

On motion of Commissioner Anne Hill, seconded by Commissioner Donald Andrews and duly carried, the minutes of May 22, 2013 were approved with the following correction:

On page 4, the third bullet should state: Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioners Andrews, Bigby, Burton, and Grills, and ~~Hill~~

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II. RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Recommendation and approval of the 2013 scholarship recipients and discussion of the awards presentation. (13-0800)

Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Staff, Commission Services, reported the names of the 2013 Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship Awardees that were selected by the Scholarship Subcommittee. She also informed the Commission that the language for the Board scrolls that will be presented to the scholarship recipients have been submitted to the Second District Office, and the menu for the presentation Breakfast has been ordered. Also, Ms. Famuyiwa distributed the draft copies of the program/agenda of the presentation program for the Commission's review. Chairperson Montaña requested staff to prepare talking points for the introduction of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas for the scholarship presentation.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Anne Hill, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the 2013 scholarship award recipients as recommended by the Scholarship Subcommittee. The draft agenda/program was also approved.

3. Review and recommendation to approve the 2011 and 2012 Sybil Brand Commission annual reports. (13-2597)

The Commission's 2011 and 2012 annual reports were distributed for review and approval. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Grills, seconded by Commissioner Hill and unanimously carried, the Commission requested to have additional time to review the reports and table for discussion at the next meeting.

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III. REPORTS

4. Chairperson's Report on various items for June 5, 2013. (13-2587)

Chairperson Montaña reported that the Department of Children and Family Services Group Home Forum is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2013, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, at the Community Care Licensing office in Los Angeles. The Out-of-Home Care Management Division requested that the Commission attend the Forum and give a brief presentation about the Sybil Brand Commission, its role, work, and partnership with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department. Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Grills advised that they

will attend the Forum.

Chairperson Montaño shared the following Newspaper Articles:

- **Los Angeles Times:**
 - **The Gabriel Fernandez case (June 4, 2013)**
 - **Deputy says he wore wire for FBI (June 1, 2013)**
 - **Family Ties (June 5, 2013)**
 - **Children must not suffer (June 2, 2013)**
 - **County missed signs of boy's abuse (May 31, 2013)**
 - **Boy left in home despite abuse (May 31, 2013)**
 - **Lots of blame to be shared (June 2, 2013)**

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5. Treasurer's Report for June 5, 2013. (13-2588)

Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1210.96.

6. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for June 5, 2013. (13-2589)

There were no staff report given.

7. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on June 5, 2013. (13-2590)

There were no monitoring audit reports given.

8. Commissioners Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from May 23, 2013 to June 4, 2013. (13-2591)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montaño and Commissioner Andrews visited the Bellflower Branch on May 28, 2013.**
- **Commissioner Bigby visited Rosemary Children Service, Page 35, #1, on May 29, 2013. She indicated that two youth were absent without leave (AWOL) for three days within the past 30 days.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited LeRoy Haynes Center, Page 23, #2, on May 30, 2013.**
- **Commissioner Grills visited New Concept Group Home, Page 28, #2, on June 3, 2013. She found that the hallway bathroom toilet was leaking. The NSPs did not indicate special extracurricular activities that probation may not have approved.**

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- Chairperson Montañó visited the Orange County Children Foundation, Page 30, #2, on June 3, 2013.
 - Commissioner Andrews visited the Pacific Lodge Boys Home, Page 30, #3, on June 3, 2013. He indicated that the freezer top needed to be painted. The bedrooms and common room needed to be cleaned.
 - Vice Chairperson Bacio visited the Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station on June 4, 2013. He noticed that there were three cameras in the hallway and none in any of the walk-way.
 - Chairperson Montañó visited the T&T Home for Boys, Page 39,#1, on June 4, 2013.
 - Commissioner Andrews visited the Children Are Our Future (Santicoy House), Page 6, #2, on June 4, 2013. He also visited the central office to view the NSPs. One youth AWOLed for two days within the past 30 days. Children Are Our Future Office will fax the NSP exemption letter to the Commission Services office. Additionally, the home needs a carbon monoxide detector.

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were visited, but not inspected because there was no one at home:

- Chairperson Montañó and Commissioner Andrews visited the T&T Home for Boys, Page 39,#1, on May 29, 2013.
- Chairperson Montañó and Commissioner Andrews visited the Orange County Children Foundation, Page 30, #2, on May 30, 2013.
- Commissioner Bigby visited Bourne Inc., Page 2, #2, on June 4, 2013.

Following the review of the inspection reports, Commissioner Andrews suggested that the Commission should request that DCFS and the Probation Department provide a brief overview of the NSP process to provide a better understanding. Commissioner Grills was also concerned about the extracurricular activities that are not being offered to the youth.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-2592)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-2593)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of June 5, 2013. (13-2595)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of June 5, 2013 at 11:55 a.m.